

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1656

Introduced by Assembly Members Feuer and DeSaulnier

February 23, 2007

An act to add the heading of Article 1 (commencing with Section 60900) to, and to add Article 2 (commencing with Section 60905) to, Chapter 10 of Part 33 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code, relating to pupil achievement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1656, as introduced, Feuer. Pupil achievement: California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System.

Existing law requires the State Department of Education to contract for the development of proposals that will provide for the retention and analysis of longitudinal pupil achievement data on the STAR Program, English language development tests, and the high school exit examination, known as the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System.

This bill would require the department to allocate specified funding, as part of a local data management support program, to all local educational agencies that complete specified acts. Local educational agencies would be limited in the use of these funds to specified activities.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The heading of Article 1 (commencing with
2 Section 60900) is added to Chapter 10 of Part 33 of Division 4 of
3 Title 2 of the Education Code, to read:

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5 Article 1. System Development

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7 SEC. 2. Article 2 (commencing with Section 60905) is added
8 to Chapter 10 of Part 33 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education
9 Code, to read:

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11 Article 2. Local Data Management Support Program

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13 60905. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

14 (a) The multibillion dollar kindergarten and grades 1 to 12,
15 inclusive, educational enterprise of California is held accountable
16 based on data received from local educational agencies.

17 (b) National and state educational reform efforts revolve around
18 using data at both the state and local levels to better inform
19 decisionmaking.

20 (c) The feasibility study report developed pursuant to subdivision
21 (a) of Section 60900 found that poor quality data submitted by
22 local educational agencies is a high impact risk to the California
23 Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System.

24 (d) The state desires more accurate graduation and dropout rates.
25 The California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System can
26 provide this information if local educational agencies provide
27 quality data to the system through statewide pupil identifiers.

28 60906. It is the intent of the Legislature to support local
29 educational agency data management activities to enhance the
30 quality of the data that is used locally and submitted to meet state
31 and federal reporting and accountability requirements.

32 60907. (a) In order to support the requirements specified in
33 subdivision (e) of Section 60900, local educational agencies may
34 receive a local data management support program annual grant,
35 subject to funds being appropriated for this purpose in the annual
36 Budget Act, as follows:

1 (1) Local educational agencies and direct-funded charter schools
2 with enrollment of between 251 and 1,000 shall receive five
3 thousand dollars (\$5,000) annually.

4 (2) Local educational agencies with enrollment of 1,001 or
5 greater shall receive at least five dollars (\$5) per pupil enrolled
6 within the agency, based on the annual enrollment update for the
7 prior year, as certified by the department.

8 (b) The department shall allocate this funding annually to all
9 local educational agencies that do all of the following:

10 (1) Submit an annual enrollment update, as defined by the
11 Superintendent, by the deadline established by the Superintendent,
12 in the fiscal year in which funds are allocated.

13 (2) Resolve anomalies related to the statewide pupil identifier
14 required by paragraph (5) of subdivision (e) of Section 60900
15 assigned to enrolled pupils in order to maintain a validity rate
16 specified by the Superintendent.

17 (3) Include the statewide pupil identifier on the transcript of
18 each pupil.

19 (4) Maintain one generic electronic mail address for local data
20 management or information technology directors or personnel in
21 order to facilitate communication between the department and the
22 appropriate personnel of the local educational agency.

23 60908. Local educational agencies shall use funds received
24 pursuant to this article to support staff, hardware and software
25 acquisitions, training, and other activities related to meeting the
26 requirements specified in subdivision (e) of Section 60900.